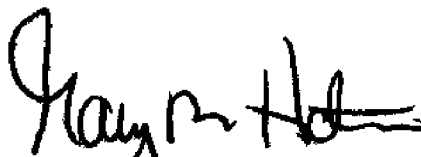


REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 11-21, 23-28, and 30, but rejected independent claim 9 and its dependent claim 10. In response, claim 9 has been amended to incorporate a limitation of allowed independent claims 1, 11, 16 and 21, which Applicants believe place claim 9 and its dependent claim 10 in condition for allowance. In addition, independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to insert the word "issued" to more accurately state the process being performed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicants' representative may be reached at (219) 462-4999.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary M. Hartman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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